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SENATE MEMORIAL 2

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28,
2009 AS "ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to the growth and
prosperity of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the
country in the past decade have come from the creative efforts
of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States department of
commerce, more than two thousand three hundred people become
entrepreneurs every day, joining more than twenty million self-
employed people that together make up more than seventy-five
percent of the nation's businesses; and

WHEREAS, the *Partnership for 21st Century Skills*
identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as a content area

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1 critical to success in communities and workplaces in the
2 twenty-first century; and

3 WHEREAS, more than seventy percent of young Americans
4 envision starting a business or engaging in some
5 entrepreneurial activity as adults; and

6 WHEREAS, the national governor's association supports
7 connecting education with economic growth industries,
8 recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation
9 are the growth engines of the economy; and

10 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations under
11 the umbrella of the youth entrepreneurship network in New
12 Mexico and nationwide are actively engaged in enhancing
13 entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and
14 cooperation with the national consortium for entrepreneurial
15 education; and

16 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to get excited about
17 entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills
18 and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults can lead youth
19 to become successful entrepreneurs in the future; and

20 WHEREAS, entrepreneurial education and activities are
21 crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state
22 and the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network,
24 composed of over forty career, technical and other student
25 organizations, offers an array of programs, activities and

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1 competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

2 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives
3 resolved to annually recognize a national entrepreneurship
4 week, which this year will occur from February 21 through
5 February 28, 2009; and

6 WHEREAS, declaring the same week as "Entrepreneurship
7 Week" in the New Mexico senate provides an opportunity to focus
8 on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can
9 bring together the core academic, technical and problem-solving
10 skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful
11 workers in future workplaces;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 21, 2009 through
14 February 28, 2009 be declared "Entrepreneurship Week" in the
15 senate.

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